

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Committee** was held on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 in Room 200, Northern Building, 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Pat Evans, Carole Andrews, Jesse Brunette, Pat Moynihan.
Excused: Pat Wetzel, Pat LaViolette, Steve Fewell
Also Present: Brian Shoup – Executive Director Human Services Dept
Jean O’Leary, Mary Johnson, Other Interested Parties

I. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Evans at 6:00 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda:

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Brunette to approve the agenda. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of February 23, 2011:

Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan and seconded by Supervisor Andrews to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Review Minutes of:

- a. **Children with Disabilities Education Board (February 23, 2011)**
- b. **Human Services Board (February 10, 2011)**
- c. **Legislative Subcommittee (February 22, 2011)**

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to take items a, b and c together and receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Human Services Dept.

2. Executive Director’s Report.

Human Services Director Brian Shoup reported that they had started the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) implementation and have several people working on it. There will be a four day orientation with Netsmart Technologies.

Shoup provided his perspective on the Governor’s proposed budget with regards to Human Services. In addition to the shared revenue cuts, which affect the county as a whole, some of the issues that will affect Brown County include Medicaid eligibility and reimbursement rates. Some of the savings proposed have to do with raising the bar on eligibility for Medicaid which will affect card users and possibly other areas. In the areas of mental health and AODA, the people the county depended on for reimbursements received from Medicaid to help with expenses, Medicaid reimbursements are already very low. The county receives about \$8 for reimbursement of an hour of group therapy that costs the county between \$40-\$50/hour for a client. If the eligibility is raised, people may not be coming in with Medicaid. He stated they were looking for some solutions to deal with that issue.

It had been proposed that there would be a 10% cut in Youth Aids. These funds support our Juvenile Justice programs. The fees for the use of Lincoln Hill, juvenile correctional institution, will be increased to take care of the State's deficit. Shoup informed that they had plans to look harder for community alternatives.

Another proposal would be that the Economic Support Services, which the county currently provides, be taken over by the State. If passed through, the county would lose approximately \$800,000 in support from the State. This would be a net loss of a quarter of a million dollars to the county as well as a loss of about 50 jobs in the county.

In the proposed budget, the State would be automating at a central location with a non-profit vendor, which did not have a good track record, in Milwaukee County. It can be expected that people in need of economic assistance will still be contacting the county and there will be indirect costs to assist and refer people to the proper place. However, there had been discussions with Brown, Outagamie, Dane and Sheboygan counties that have pretty exemplary records in terms of administering these benefits. In discussions with Health Services Secretary Dennis Smith, there was some indication that they might be interested in some sort of contracting back or arranging of associates. Shoup stated that the two things he is interested in is not losing funding for Brown County and having the most efficient system.

Discussions ensued with regard to Family Care's expansion pending the results of the Legislative Audit Bureau's audit to see if the program is cost effective. One problem is the audit is not a financial audit, but a performance audit. It is not clear exactly what the determining factors are. The Budget Bill states that if it is determined that Family Care is not effective there will be no funds to keep it operating. Nothing had been budgeted at this point. Shoup added that an analysis was done recently which showed there would be a savings in GPR dollars.

Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan and seconded by Supervisor Andrews to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Update on Electronic Medical Records (EMR).

Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan and seconded by Supervisor Andrews to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. High Cost Cases.

Community Services Director Jean O'Leary presented to the committee a few high cost cases that are being served through a mental health commitment or protective placement that can be taxing to the county system. In 2010 the county paid \$611,000 for two individuals to be in institutions (Winnebago and Southern Wisconsin Center) for the year. Both individuals are under 30 years old and have long and healthy lives ahead of them and may be a challenge for the county for some time, not to mention individuals that come after them.

The first individual is 29-years old, grew up in a regular neighborhood, went to school, graduated, lived at home with its family and eventually moved out with a roommate, and went to a sheltered workshop and cost the county less than \$20,000 a year. In the fall of 2009 the individual had some type of unanticipated break and ended up at the county hospital but didn't last 24 hours because of violent and aggressive behaviors. This individual ended up in Winnebago and has been there for a year. This person is unable to be stabilized and is a cost of

\$969 a day. The county had been charged with the fact that this is not the correct place for this person because this person can not be stabilized and can not be rehabilitated. Institutions are not long term care facilities for the mentally disabled so the county is searching for a community placement. They are looking for a rural setting with a one person to four staff ratio, four staff around the clock for when this person becomes violent and a provider who is willing to serve an individual of this type. They need one staff standing in order to call the police. This person is dangerous not through his own fault but because of the disability that this person has.

The second individual is 30-years old, started at age four and was admitted in the children's unit at that time. The individual went through a series of child protection, Bellin Psychiatric stays, foster homes and institutions for children. At age 18 there were community placements which did not work and had always turned violent or abusive. People with these conditions can not be charged because they are mentally incompetent to stand trial and they make it a criminal placement for "x" amount of months by the state and then the county is held accountable to place them back into the community. Since 18, this person had lasted 9-12 months maximum without another stay in the institution. This past year this person has been at the Southern Wisconsin Center at a cost of \$872 a day and the community placement that is being developed is at a cost of \$1,946 a day. This individual cost \$327,000 for one year.

With Long Term Care Unit, there is a waiver program, which would be replaced by Family Care which puts the county on a waiver slot with Federal and State dollars. The first 60% of the cost would be Federal cost and the county would pay 40% match to that. The first year the State is going to let the county off and give a special thing called "Money Follows the Person" which the county will only pay 10% of the cost but then it will go back up to 40% after that. The county incurs the whole cost of institutional stay, that is straight county levy dollars. This individual cost straight levy \$284,000 for one year.

O'Leary stated they are in the process of transferring their Winnebago person to Southern Wisconsin Center which will result in a short term cost savings until they can find a provider who will provide appropriate placement.

Shoup added that they are disclosing this info to inform. These were random, and the county had no control over it so they are hard to plan for. These are likely organic brain issues. These cases could destroy small county budgets. They are highly volatile and cannot predict this. This is one reason a fund balance is created.

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Programs.

Mary Johnson from the CTC informed that the annual surveys were in and they had received much better reports this year than the last. Some things brought to their attention included linens coming from the jail which were not covered. Covers have now been ordered. Other items included an expired cream was found in a treatment drawer, an insulin bottle with a worn off label was found, the Christmas tree was still out and it was questioned whether or not it was fire proof. Further discussions ensued with regards to the outcome of the survey but overall the results were relatively good.

**Motion made by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Andrews to approve.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. Community Treatment Center Update.

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Brunette to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Monthly Inpatient Data – Community Treatment Center and Bellin Psychiatric Center.

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Brunette to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Approval for New Non-Continuous Vendor.

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Request for New Vendor Contract.

**Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Brunette to approve.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

10. Monthly Contract Update.

**Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to approve.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Aging & Disability Resource Center – No agenda items.

Health Department – No agenda items.

Syble Hopp – No agenda items.

Veterans' Services – No agenda items.

Other:

11. Audit of Bills:

**Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Brunette to pay the bills.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan and seconded by Supervisor Andrews to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia A. Loehlein,
Recording Secretary